

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 07, 2002**

ACTION MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles, CA. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alexander, CEHD Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public Comments at this meeting.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Perry) SECONDED (McTggart) and APPROVED.

Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry, who had not attended the October CEHD meeting, abstained from voting on the CEHD minutes. Mayor Charles White abstained from voting on the minutes he too was not at the October meeting; this CEHD meeting is his first.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of October 03, 2002

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Growth Visioning Subcommittee Minutes of August 29, 2002

3.2.2 Legislative Position Summary

3.2.3 2002 Annual Regional Housing Summit – December 13
at the Wilshire Grand Hotel

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Income Equity/Housing Affordability Task Force Report (Continued from September 5 Meeting) & Workshop

Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, introduced the workshop on the recommendations of the Income Equity/Housing Task Force, which the Committee members had requested.

Staff reviewed the workshop Agenda Items:

- a) Review of Task Force Assignment and Findings
- b) Discretion and Limitations on Area Median Income Alternatives
- c) Continued Discussions on Housing Policy Allocations Framework and need to develop regional consensus on approach
- d) Next Steps

The discussion was directed to the following topics:

- giving credit for housing need based on employment;
- referring to “Regional Discretion and Limitations on Income”, there was not anything that mentioned the requirement to use the definition of no more than 30% of income going to housing as being affordable;
- a question that if only three (3) years into the RHNA numbers there is already a 3%-4% discrepancy, so are the cities going to be held to the original RHNA numbers or they going to be updated according to the figures shown on page 43 of the agenda attachment; Mr. Lieb stated that need does not carry over from one RHNA to the next;
- what about those COGs that have already had their allocations approved by HCD;
- is there any way we can work more inter-county instead of always basing the numbers county wide, can we do it regionally across county lines;
- cities can get and have the opportunity to get credit for rehab housing within their housing element;

- at what point in the reconstruction, when cities go in to rehab a property, does rehab become new housing;
- regarding land use, determining whether or not local government is properly zoning it's land;
- should SCAG be more active in legislative interaction, seems we are being dominated by the agencies we deal with;
- the State League is putting together a Task Force to try to build upon all the good work that was accomplished last year to get into SB 910, so wouldn't it be to our benefit to consider having a representative in the TF;
- individual issues discussed at these meeting need to have the correct language to address these issues, such as definitions, exact wording, legislative agenda needs several items prioritized in the order as needed;
- it was stated that the discussion on the HCD's and Attorney General's opinion relative to the use of income limits is a further reason to pursue the housing policy allocation framework introduced to the members by the Task Force which was briefly discussed on September 5;
- framing the above issue some more and then give examples for a discussion on the pros and cons of using that discussion as an approach the next time around;
- discussion took place on getting the number from the State and how the members want to hold the discussion that is equally based throughout the region before that number is assigned further down.

Jacob Lieb demonstrated the use of a weighted policy factor to affect the outcome of the allocation process, and showed that such a formula could be used to affect income allocations to approximate the Income Equity proposal.

After Mr. Lieb's demonstration the discussion was then directed to the following topics:

- how to handle the housing allocations;
- what to do about cities that do not want a jobs/housing balance because of the density and other problems such as more population and traffic in their areas;
- how to deal with the poverty levels in relation to affordable housing;
- how to resolve objections to housing allocations process by the various cities;
- how to get the subregions to do their housing allocation as a subregion
- how can we get the cost of money involved in the affordability (now that interest has been dropped ½ point)

Lynn Harris asked the Committee for ideas in the policy areas that might possibly be put into the allocation formula that has been discussed today. Several Committee members requested further agendaized discussion on policy areas.

The Committee adjourned its workshop agenda and continued on to considering recommended actions.

It was MOVED (McTaggart) and SECONDED (Bauer) AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to 1) receive the report and findings of the Income Equity/Housing Affordability Task Force in concept, and acknowledge the completion of its charge. Mayor Charles White abstained.

It was MOVED (DeSantis) and SECONDED (Perry) AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to 2) recommend the Regional Council direct CEHD and staff to hold a regional public hearing and workshop on housing policy allocation framework for addressing the Income Equity issues in the future.

The Chair thanked the Income Equity Task Force for their deliberations, and for completion of their work.

4.2 State Budget FY '2 – '03: Status of Funding for State Mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Program

Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer, presented this item that relates to the State reimbursement to SCAG for work done for the state mandated RHNA. Each State-mandated program in the new State budget, including RHNA has a \$1,000 appropriation.

He also stated that under the circumstances the State assumes that the mandate will continue to be fulfilled by the local agency, in this case SCAG.

The CEHD Committee made the following suggestions:

- We should be working to suspend the mandate or get the money from the State;
- We need to go to each of our cities and counties that are involved in SCAG, put together a reasonable budget to get the RHNA process done here at SCAG alternatively out (an assessment on members to be reimbursed when the State reimburses SCAG;
- before assessing the cities we should go to the cities and ask if they can afford to front this project.

It was MOVED (McCracken) and SECONDED (McCullough) AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to 1) recommend initiation of legislative effort with the subregions and CALCOG to assure full RHNA reimbursement, or suspension of the mandate.

It was MOVED (Perry) and SECONDED (Stettler) AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to 2) discontinue all SCAG related RHNA work until the February meeting when a report comes back to the CEHD Committee on the results of the above recommendation. Also, the Regional Public Workshop on Income Equity will not be scheduled until after the February report or the assurance of funding.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 S.2522 (Bingaman) and H.R. 4847 (Reyes) Southwest Regional Border Authority Act

Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer, presented these bills saying that they both seek to establish a Southwest Regional Border Authority with a primary mission to develop plans and programs that will result in increased economic development opportunities along certain Southwest border communities. He further stated that these bills call for the formulation of interstate compacts and other forms of interstate and international cooperative efforts that will encourage private investment in the border region.

Mr. Gonzalez also informed the Committee that if established, the Southwest Regional Border Authority would fulfill an identified SCAG legislative initiative. He said that SCAG's 2002 Legislative Program contains a directive that seeks to advance the concept of the Southwest Compact in addition to further securing support for the Compact with representatives from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

5.2 Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report

Councilmember Bev Perry informed the Committee that the consultant, team with input from the Growth Visioning Subcommittee, is working with a design firm to develop a recognizable title and logo for the this subcommittee.

She also mentioned that the consultant team is developing a framework for a representative stakeholder group, with the idea to create a group of 50-100 regional decision makers and high profile representatives that reflect the geographic and ethnic diversity of the region.

She further stated that focus groups have been held to determine the key growth-related issues in the SCAG region.

The next Growth Visioning Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled for November 21 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

6.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT

Mayor Alexander, CEHD Chair informed the CEHD members that the December 5 meeting at the Ontario Convention Center would be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

7.0 STAFF REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Harris introduced two new members to the CEHD committee:

Mayor Charles White – City of Moreno Valley
Councilmember Efren J. Moreno, Jr. – City of Alhambra

7.1 Update on Baseline Criteria

Steve Weiner reported that a forecast item had been on the November 7, 2002 agenda and due to time constraints was not included at this time.

Mr. Weiner stated that the local input process, which is scheduled to end on November 15, 2002, has gotten input from about 30 cities with the rest expected over the next week. He stated that in order to keep on the schedule for the Baseline Reconciliation Process, staff would like to bring these criteria back to the CEHD Committee for approval at the December 5 meeting. He said that staff intends to use the preliminary criteria for the process and if there are changes to the criteria they will be incorporated and the process will then be revised.

Lynn Harris, after the short update from Steve Weiner, announced that a correction to the Receive and File Item in the staff report about the 2002 Annual Housing Summit on December 13. She stated that due to pulling back on the budget, the Summit would be held at SCAG offices instead of the Wilshire Grand Hotel.

8.0 COMMENT PERIOD

There was comment at this meeting in reference to a letter from WRCOG, which was delivered by Mayor Charles White of City of Moreno Valley. (copy attached behind these minutes.)

Councilmember Bart Doyle of City of Sierra Madre mentioned that the Rose Institute at Claremont McKenna is having a Housing Summit at the Ontario Convention center on November 22. He thought this would be a good opportunity to distribute cards or flyers at one of the afternoon panels.

Lynn Harris thanked Councilmember Doyle for the suggestion and said she would give him some copies of the invitations for this purpose.

Mayor John McTaggart of the South Bay Cities COG announced that the COG is meeting at the Redondo Beach Public Library at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a presentation. He said the speaker would be Colonel Thomas R. Ragland, Director of Operations of the White House Office of Homeland Security. He also mentioned that members of other COGs were invited to attend.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Mayor William Alexander, Chair | SANBAG Subregion |
| Councilmember Ralph Bauer | City of Huntington Beach |
| Mayor Robert Bruesch | City of Rosemead |
| Supervisor Robert (Bob) Buster (arrived 11:40 am) | County of Riverside |
| Councilmember Betty DeSantis | Las Virgenes Malibu Conejo Council |
| Councilmember Bart Doyle (arrived 10:56 am) | City of Sierra Madre |
| Councilmember Alta E. Duke, Vice- Chair | City of La Palma |
| Councilmember Henry Harkema | City of Paramount |
| Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid | SGVCOG Subregion |
| Councilmember Shirley McCracken (arrived 10:46 am) | OCCOG Subregion |
| Mayor Kathryn McCullough | OCCOG Subregion |
| Mayor John McTaggart | South Bay Cities COG |
| Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry | City of Brea |
| Councilmember Marsha Ramos | Arroyo Verdugo Subregion |
| Mayor George Stettler | CVAG Subregion |
| Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran (arrived at 10:39 am) | OCCOG Subregion |

Mayor Charles White

WRCOG Subregion

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts
Mayor Ken Blackwood
Councilmember Jeff Comercheo
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza
Councilmember Wendy Greuel
Councilmember Janice Hahn
Councilmember Susan Lien
Mayor Ronald Loveridge
Councilmember Alex Padilla
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard
Councilmember Ed Reyes
Councilmember Deborah Robertson
Councilmember M. Jo Shields
Councilmember Bob Yousefian

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Signed: _____
Lynn Harris
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